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### **Families and Children of Buttonwood Bay to benefit from Park Retrofitting**

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Families and children in the Buttonwood Bay area of Belize City will soon benefit from a co-management partnership between the Ministry of Blue Economy, the Belize City Council, Caribbean Shores Area Representative Hon. Kareem Musa, and the private sector. The Seashore Park will receive a facelift to its current features.

“The park sits overlooking our very rich marine resources and faces the home of our ministry. The idea is to have the park serve as a signature education feature on blue economy and our rich marine resources for the surrounding community and Belize City on a whole, while providing a relaxing environment for family fun and children’s play,” said Ms. Kennedy Carrillo, chief executive officer in the Ministry of Blue Economy and Civil Aviation.

Currently, the Seashore Park displays a colourful Belize sign and other features depicting marine life that have attracted locals and tourists alike for photo opportunities. The goal is to add to those features, having the park become a hallmark blue economy education landmark in the area.

A consultation with some residents of the area has resulted in the redesign and rehabilitative works on the park, which will include landscaping and infrastructural improvements to the seawall and storm drain runoff to ensure storm management and protection against tide action, while creatively adding unique representations of the country’s rich natural marine heritage, blue economy, and civil aviation sector. Rehabilitative work will also be done on the gazebo in the park.

The efforts of the Ministry of Blue Economy will bring together the approval of the Belize City Council alongside community involvement and private sector funding for the infrastructural improvements of the park. The ministry welcomes other interested community members of the immediate Buttonwood Bay/Seashore Park area to visit its offices to offer ideas or suggestions for the park alongside the theme for the retrofitting.

Works on the Seashore Park have commenced and the public is advised to exercise caution in area.

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